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“Tell the truth and don’t be afraid.”

BOT slates \$109,000 more for food court

By **Melanie Schneider**
Administration editor

Four university purchase proposals were approved Monday by Eastern’s Board of Trustees’ executive committee, including \$109,000 for additional food court design services.

Jeff Cooley, acting vice president for business affairs, described the purchases during a teleconference call to BOT Chair Carl Koerner and trustees Nate Anderson, Tom Johnson and Keith Branson.

The \$109,000 for additional food court design services is associated with the project’s expanded scope, Cooley said.

Local funds will pay for the architect firm Burnidge Cassell Associates from Elgin to complete the design services.

The BOT also approved a contract costing \$133,650 to finish phase three of the continued expansion of a chilled water loop. Appropriated funds would pay for the contract, which would provide project design and supervision services for the extension of the chilled water loop to McAfee Gymnasium and the Physical Science Building.

The air-conditioning system will be connected to the existing chilled water loop just north of Ford Hall and take advantage of the operating efficiencies associated with it, Cooley said.

The board also approved a contract change order for the Lincoln / Douglas air conditioning design services.

The first contract amount was for \$200,927 and the new contract amount was approved for \$204,367 – a difference of \$3,440. Cooley said the extra money would be used for additional soil and concrete testing services associated with the project.

Local (revenue bond) funds would pay for the vendor, KM2 Design Group out of Springfield, he said.

The last approved item was a land acquisition of 7,000 square feet at 1908 1/2 South 10th Street, which would adjoin existing parking lots. About \$52,500, plus closing costs, would be needed from local funds to purchase the property.

Cooley said the acquisition would be advantageous because the property adjoins university parking lots located across the street from Buzzard Hall.

‘Revenge and rage is why Julie and 167 other people died’ Father of bombing victim speaks out

By **Justin Evenson**
Staff writer

The day after Bud Welsh’s 23-year-old daughter was killed in the Oklahoma City bombing tragedy, he never thought he would be speaking in support of letting Timothy McVeigh live.

Welsh told the emotional story of how his daughter’s death made him question his opposition to the death penalty to about 60 people Monday in the Coleman Hall Auditorium.

“All my life I had opposed the death penalty and hadn’t given it much thought,” the Oklahoma native said. “I had been told by friends of mine that if something ever happened to my family, especially my daughter, I’d change my mind.”

At first, changing his mind about the death penalty was exactly what Welsh did.

“I didn’t even want trials for Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols,” he said. “I just wanted them fried.”

After about eight months of dealing with his grief through alcohol and smoking, Welsh’s wounds began to heal. He was then able to realize the executions of Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols would not accomplish anything

“The death penalty or their executions would be nothing but revenge and rage,” Welsh said. “Revenge and rage is why Julie and 167 other people died.”

It was that realization that led Welsh to be sitting in the Buffalo, N.Y. kitchen of Bill McVeigh, Timothy McVeigh’s father on Sept. 5, 1998. Welsh said he felt the need to meet Bill McVeigh after seeing him on television.

“At one moment (Bill McVeigh) stood up and looked into the camera,” Welsh said. “I could see the pain.”

A visit was arranged between the two men—a visit Welsh will never forget.

“Up on the kitchen wall were a few photos,” he said. “One was an 8x10 of Tim...I looked up at the wall and said ‘God what a good looking kid.’”

Dead silence fell in the room after this comment was made, Welsh said.



Mandy Marshall / Photo editor

Bud Welsh, an award winning speaker, talks about his daughter Julie’s life, before her death in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, Monday night in the Coleman Hall Auditorium. Welsh, despite his remorse for his daughter’s death, is against the death penalty. He went through a time when he wanted the convicted Oklahoma City bombers to “fry,” but said he realizes their death will not bring his daughter back.

“After that silence (Bill McVeigh) looked at that picture and said ‘That’s Tim’s high school graduation picture,’” Welsh said. “I saw at that moment a father’s love that was incredible.”

Before Welsh left the McVeigh home, he was hugged by Timothy McVeigh’s sister—an encounter that led to sobs.

“I said ‘Honey, the three of us are in this for the rest of our lives. I don’t

want your brother to die and I’ll do everything to prevent it.’”

Visiting Bill McVeigh showed Welsh there were more victims from the Oklahoma City bombing than the people who died and the people who lost loved ones.

“What I realized from that meeting with Bill McVeigh was that he was a larger victim of the Oklahoma

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Student VP for public affairs announcement Wednesday

By **Shauna Gustafson**
Staff writer

Mike LeShoure, newly appointed student body president, said he will appoint someone to his former position of student vice president for public affairs Wednesday at the Student Senate meeting.

LeShoure said he did have several people in mind, and he will wait to announce his decision at the meeting, which will be held at 7 p.m. in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

LeShoure said Keith Cosentino, former

student body president who resigned at Wednesday’s meeting for personal reasons, was working on several programs including bringing a 24-hour diner to Charleston and helping to get the bar hours extension moving along.

“If I had any questions, I could go to him,” LeShoure said. “He was a good leader I could turn to if I needed help.”

Cosentino could not be reached for comment.

“Maybe he thought he could fix (the problems leading to his resignation) and finally realized he couldn’t,” LeShoure said. “You’ve got to realize he is a student, too.

This isn’t a career.”

LeShoure said Cosentino was not involved in Student Government as a career move.

“I want to point out the fact that, personally, one of the reasons I think (Cosentino) was so good at senate was because he had a passion for it from his heart. It wasn’t a résumé builder,” LeShoure said.

Lou Hencken, vice president for student affairs, said this was the first student body president resignation he had heard of since he took his position eight years ago.

Hencken said the position of student body president receives a tuition and fee

waiver with the understanding that the recipient work office hours around classes.

The position is filled by a general election held among the student body. Cosentino won the election last spring by receiving 42 percent of the votes, or 641 votes altogether. He beat his opponents, Thaddeus Searcy and Liz Halbert, by 101 and 303 votes respectively.

Some senate members said Cosentino did a good job in his position.

“Keith and I ran together and I had the utmost faith in his ability to run that office,”

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Seventh grader wounds 4
13-year-old opens fire in Oklahoma school shooting

FORT GIBSON, Okla. (AP) - A seventh-grader walked up to a crowd of youngsters waiting for the morning bell Monday and allegedly opened fire with a gun, wounding four schoolmates before a science teacher pinned him against a wall.

None of the injuries appeared to be life-threatening. A fifth youngster suffered bumps and bruises.

"He doesn't even know who it was he shot," sheriff's Deputy Terry Cragg said. "There was not a hate thing. I asked him why. He said, 'I don't know.'"

The 13-year-old dropped the emptied, 9mm semiautomatic handgun as he was approached by science teacher Ronnie Holuby, who also serves as the safety officer at Fort Gibson Middle School, Superintendent Steve Wilmoth said. Holuby grabbed the boy's arms and pinned him against a brick wall.

The small, slender boy was taken to court for a closed, 15-minute arraignment, walking solemnly between two deputies and keeping his head down.

His name was not released. No details were released on the arraign-

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Terry Cragg,
Oklahoma sheriff's deputy

ment or on what charges the boy faces.

Gov. Frank Keating issued a statement saying the shooting "must serve as a call to arms" to address "the root causes of what is happening to our families and young people." He later issued a revised statement, deleting a "call to arms" and substituting the phrase "wake-up call."

President Clinton told reporters in Washington that investigators from the FBI and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were on the scene.

"Our prayers are with each of the children and their families," Clinton said.

Authorities said they were not aware of any previous trouble

involving the boy and did not know who owned the gun. The youngster belonged to a teen Christian group and other school organizations, students said.

"He seemed like a really nice person," said Justine Hurst, a 13-year-old eighth-grader. "He had a lot of friends."

Kanjowah Bowley, another eighth-grader, said: "Some people say he's crazy, but he's really not. He comes from a really good family."

Students had gathered outside the middle school and were waiting to enter for the start of classes when the boy walked up at around 7:45 a.m. and started shooting, witnesses said.

School officials, given safety training following the Columbine High School massacre, rushed the

students to the safety of the cafeteria.

Some students thought the popping came from fireworks left from a state high school football championship game that Fort Gibson lost 46-0 Saturday.

"We heard one girl screaming. We saw smoke coming from the cement," eighth-grader Greg Pruitt said.

The wounded students were taken to hospitals in nearby Muskogee and Tulsa.

A 12-year-old boy was in fair condition with a bullet wound in each arm, a 12-year-old girl was in fair condition with a cheek wound, a 13-year-old boy was treated for a wound to his forearm and another 13-year-old underwent surgery for a leg wound.

Wilmoth described Fort Gibson as "a close-knit, very religious community." The blue-collar town of about 3,500 is about 50 miles south-east of Tulsa. About 450 students attend the middle school.

Police obtained search warrants to search school lockers. All of the district's 1,850 students were sent home for the day.

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City bombing than I was," he said. "When (Bill McVeigh) meets a stranger, he doesn't get to say he has a son. He wakes up every morning with a noose around his neck that his son killed 168 people."

Bill McVeigh is not able to go around the country telling people about his son the way Welsh does when he shares memories of his daughter. Memories like the time Welsh helped his daughter move to college for the first time and she didn't want anyone to know she slept with a teddy bear.

Welsh's daughter studied foreign languages at Marquette University, getting the opportunity to visit places like the Dominican Republic.

Those studies eventually landed her a job in the social security office at the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City where she lost her life on April 19, 1995.

Despite the pain Welsh said he feels about losing the person he refers to as his "sidekick," he still believes the death penalty is a pointless process that leaves no closure for victims' families.

"The death penalty issue in the United States is terrible," he said. "We must do something about the death penalty."

While cost should not be considered when discussing the death penalty, Welsh said it costs \$2.7 million to execute someone. Incarcerating someone for life costs only about \$900,000.

Welsh also said the United States is the only industrialized country that has the death penalty.

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said Will Brooks, senate member. "I'll miss him around the office."

One problem some executive board members had with Cosentino was he did not regularly schedule executive board meetings.

"We had them sometimes without his presence," said Senate Speaker Matt Layette.

Mike Johnson, student vice president for financial affairs, said Cosentino did not get as much accomplished as he may have liked to.

"I think most of the executive members did a lot more than Keith," Johnson said.

Layette said Cosentino was a reliable source.

"Regardless of his faults, he's always been a great resource," Layette said. "He's one person you knew you could trust for reliable information."

Supreme Court agrees
to debate Miranda ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court, confronting its landmark Miranda ruling head-on, agreed Monday to decide whether police still must warn criminal suspects they have a "right to remain silent" and to get a lawyer's help.

The justices said they will rule by summer on whether Congress in 1968 effectively overturned the 1966 decision, familiar not only to police and suspects but to generations of Americans who have witnessed countless arrests in movies and on television.

Clinton administration lawyers are refusing to defend the anti-Miranda law enacted by Congress, but a federal appeals court upheld it earlier this year - setting the stage for this constitutional showdown.

The court, far more liberal 33 years ago than it is today, sought to remedy "inherently coercive" interrogations by requiring police to inform criminal suspects of their rights before questioning them. Failure to give the warnings can

result in evidence - a confession or some incriminating statement -being lost to prosecutors.

But in a surprising ruling earlier this year, the conservative fourth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that a long-ignored 1968 federal law known as Section 3501 means failure to issue Miranda warnings no longer requires automatic exclusion of evidence in federal prosecutions.

That ruling would let prosecutors use incriminating statements that Charles Dickerson of Takoma Park, Md. - accused in seven bank robberies in Maryland and Virginia - made to FBI agents even though he may not have received a proper Miranda warning.

The appeals court's rationale would apply to state prosecutions as well. By an 8-5 vote last February, it said Section 3501 made failing to give Miranda warnings just one of several factors in deciding whether statements to police were made voluntarily.

Correction

A story In Friday's edition of the *Daily Eastern News* incorrectly reported that the Apportionment Board approved a motion to vote for a money transfer of no more than \$10,000 for Panther Express. The article should have stated the board voted and approved the transfer at Thursday's meeting. The *News* regrets the error.

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Serve us well

Eastern has a new student body president as of Wednesday – Mike LeShoure. The change in roles was sudden, and most likely, unexpected.

All senate executive members should help LeShoure in his transition from student vice president for public affairs to student body president.

The change in roles stems from Keith Cosentino's resignation, which was announced at last week's Student Senate meeting. Cosentino, who was not present at the meeting, nor will return phone calls, cited personal reasons for stepping down as student body president.

Mike LeShoure

New Student Body President Mike LeShoure deserves congratulated for stepping up after the resignation of Keith Cosentino.

Some of the duties LeShoure will be responsible for as student body president include being a spokesperson for the entire student body and serving as a liaison between the students and the administration.

LeShoure is a senior marketing major from Champaign who ran with the All-Campus Party in the spring election in which he ran for student vice president for public affairs.

LeShoure has a background that will help him to be successful in his new position.

In addition to serving as student vice president for public affairs, he has worked for the Student Volunteer Center, worked with the Illinois Board of Higher Education and has had experience with lobbying in Springfield.

LeShoure handled himself well with Eastern's Board of Trustees, representing the student voice on the university's governing body. He will be able to carry over his experience with the BOT to his new job because now he is the student voice — the student leader.

It's a difficult job, one that needs support from a strong Student Government executive board.

Good luck to LeShoure — make the 11,000 students you represent proud.

■ The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Today's quote

The proper memory for a politician is one that knows what to remember and what to forget.

John, Viscount Morley of Blackburn, English politician and writer, 1838-1923

What better time to do laundry than now?

It's the end of the semester and the pressure is on students, from freshman to graduate students, to finish up the last-minute papers, reading and missed assignments that should have been turned in weeks ago. Not to mention studying for finals.

It seems like everything is due at once and the end of the semester still seems just out of reach. Yet, despite the mountain of work piling up, students still seem to have time for the little distractions.

It doesn't matter if it's 2 a.m. with only 6 hours left to write a 10-page paper that hasn't even been started, somehow we still find time to organize the paper clips in our desk drawers before sitting down to the computer.

Distractions. No one is safe from their ability to take precious minutes away from the end-of-the-semester countdown.

It seems the more there is to do, and the less appealing the assignment is, the more time we find for the little distractions.

Like cleaning, for example. The dishes that have sat festering for a week now suddenly need to be clean. Closet reorganization is another good way to pass the time before actually sitting down to that analysis of Freud's philosophy of life.

Even after sitting down to the computer, distractions can still be found.

E-mail is typically the worst offender. A six-page history of democracy can always wait until you've written to those six friends from high school you haven't seen in a year and a half.

Computer games are another problem. You don't even have to move from your seat, so you can convince yourself that you're still getting work done as try to beat your record at Tetris.



Amy Thon

Associate news editor

"Yet, despite the mountain of work piling up, students still seem to have time for the little distractions."

May said. "We don't want to be doing nothing."

To fight the distraction monster, May suggested writing out a schedule to plan studying time. For each class, break down what you need to study and when, putting the exams in priority-order. Once you make a schedule, post it so you will remember.

"It's harder to make excuses," May said.

Many students think the habit of waiting until the last minute and not focusing on what they need to get do is something they can't change.

"Typically, I think people don't ask for help for this type of problem. They don't see it as a problem until it's too late," May said. "To make the change is really hard."

Students planning their study schedule for finals week should consider attending May's workshop on Finals Preparation. The workshops are held from 5 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in Room 2016 in Ninth Street Hall, formerly International House

So, until next semester, when I'm sure I will change my ways and work ahead, I'll be struggling through the rest of the semester like everyone else, but somehow there will still be time for a short trip to Wal-Mart for holiday decorations, or to make a fresh pot of coffee.

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Corporations creating new form of imperialism

A new form of corporate exploitation has arisen. I would term it "bio-imperialism." Corporations are patenting species of life all around the planet and attempting to increase their expropriation of wealth from the Third World in the process.

India's neem tree was patented, as well as many other medicinal plants, and even the cell lines of indigenous people. This raises the possibility of restrictions on the uses of medicinal plants or the payment of royalties. Since native peoples have researched and developed these plants over centuries, I think the wealth should be flowing in the opposite direction.

Multinational chemical companies like Monsanto are marketing genetically-engineered seeds that produce crops

Your turn

Letters to the editor

resistant to their particular brand of herbicide and pesticide. Farmers sign contracts requiring that they only use the fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides produced by Monsanto. In addition, they must buy seeds every year from Monsanto, rather than saving seeds as they have for generations. Already, some farmers have been prosecuted for saving seeds.

This policy increases corporate profits but does not benefit farmers and results in increased chemical use and pollution. Also, gene transfer between related species can occur, resulting in "super weeds" and "super pests" and unknown effects on the ecosystem. Consumers eating genetically-engi-

neered food can develop allergies because of the new proteins present in those foods. There is great controversy and protest in Europe over the so-called "Frankenstein food."

I have tremendous respect for science and greatly favor the use of biotechnology to develop cures for cancer and other disease. However, I definitely oppose its use as a toll of imperialism.

Gary Sudborough
Bellflower, Calif.

Deadline Wednesday

The deadline to submit letters to the editor to appear in *The Daily Eastern News* this semester is Wednesday. All letters received after this date will appear in the newspaper next semester.

Graduates: Pick up caps, gowns this week in Union

Last-minute pickup also available Saturday morning

By Geneva White
Campus editor

Students graduating in December still have time to pick up their caps and gowns for Saturday's commencement.

Graduation ceremonies will take place at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in Lantz Gymnasium.

Caps and gowns can be picked up between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Graduates also can get their caps and gowns at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the Field House.

"We'd rather (students) pick up (caps and gowns) Thursday or Friday because they are real wrinkled and they need to be pressed," said Marty Hackler, an office systems specialist for special events and commencement.

"Some students are student teaching off-campus and can't get here until Saturday. That's why we have a Saturday pick-up."

Commencement tickets also can

be picked up this week in room 107 of Blair Hall from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Students are asked to bring their Panther Cards when they get their tickets.

While there is not a set limit on the number of tickets students will be issued, Hackler said she does not plan to issue an overabundance.

"I'm giving some extras, but it depends on how many (tickets) they want," she said. "I'll probably be able to give them what ever they need."

Recipients of faculty award to be honored at reception

Fifteen awards to be presented for research accomplishments

By Geneva White
Campus editor

Recipients of the Faculty Research Award will be honored for their accomplishments today.

There will be a reception held at 4 p.m. in the 1895 Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Fifteen awards will be given to various faculty in the chemistry, biological sciences, English and technology departments.

The departments also were given the monetary award, which allows support money for research and creative activities.

"All faculty as part of their role with the university not only teach but are involved in other activities as well such as research and creative activities," said Bud May, director of grants and research.

“The idea is to recognize their accomplishments and give them some recognition.”

Bud May,
director of grants and research

"These awards help them do those things."

This is the first time a reception has been held for Faculty Research Award Recipients, May said.

"The idea is to recognize their accomplishments and give them some recognition," he said.

Those who will be honored at the reception include: Howard Black, chemistry; Eric Bollinger, biological sciences; Robert Chesnut, chemistry; Joyce Easter,

chemistry; Robert Fischer, biological sciences; Ruth Hoberman, English; Ping Liu, technology; Stephen Mullin, biological sciences; Britto Nathan, biological sciences; Thomas Nelson, biological sciences; Henry Owen and Janice Coons, biological sciences; Betty Smith, geology/geography; Lauren Smith, English; Joseph Williams, psychology and Gene Wong, biological sciences.

Attendance is by invitation only.

daily briefing

Police: Missing student found stabbed to death

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) – A stab wound to the back killed a graduate student from Chicago whose body was discovered after a two-week search, Memphis police said Monday.

Hillary Johnson disappeared Nov. 20. Her body was found Saturday in a field about 25 miles east of Memphis, near the Shelby County-Fayette County line.

Memphis police spokeswoman Debby Hall said an autopsy showed the stabbing killed the University of Memphis student. No other details were released.

Leonard J. Young, an ex-convict charged with fatally shooting his boss in Mississippi, is the prime suspect in Johnson's killing, authorities have said, though he has not been charged in her death.

Johnson, a Chicago native, disappeared after going to a Memphis grocery store. Her car was found Nov. 29 in Tippah County, Miss., about 50 miles from where her body was discovered.

Young, 54, admitted car jacking Johnson near a midtown Memphis supermarket, but claimed he let her out on U.S. Highway 64, authorities have said. Highway 64 passes just north of Eads, the community where Johnson's body was found.

Methodical Mars investigation may be fruitless

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) –

With hope fading fast for the Mars Polar Lander, NASA investigators may have to face the possibility of never really knowing what went wrong with the spacecraft 157 million miles from Earth.

The space agency has only scant information on the final moments of the \$165 million spacecraft's plunge to Mars, and almost no hope of ever recovering any wreckage.

"It may be that everything went right and it simply landed in a terrible spot," said physics professor Robert Park, a University of Maryland expert on the space program. "Who knows if it landed on a big boulder and fell over?"

"We just don't know, and we never will, is my guess," he said.

For NASA, the loss would mean back-to-back Mars expeditions ended in failure.

Mission controllers planned another attempt early Tuesday to detect a signal from the spacecraft, which has not been heard from since it began its descent Friday.

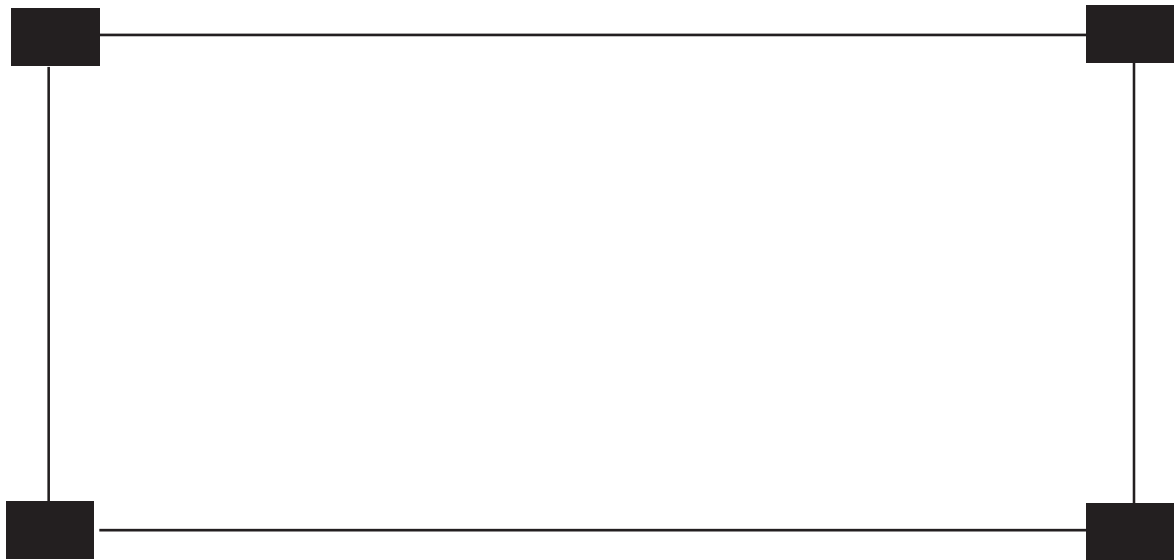
Two micro probes that were to have landed separately also were lost.

No signal during the next window would eliminate one explanation for the spacecraft's silence – that it was in a slumbering "safe mode" caused by some problem after landing, said Laurie Leshin, a member of the lander's science team.

"We think this is one of our last really good chances," she said Monday.

Authorities search for runaway boys in Utah desert

CEDAR CITY, Utah (AP) – One of a group of teen-age boys who fled a camp for troubled youth after allegedly beating a counselor and tying another to a tree turned himself in Monday after apparently trudging 30 miles across the frosty desert.



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Two other applicants remain for associate director of financial aid

By **Shauna Gustafson**
Staff writer

The third and final candidate for the position of associate director of financial aid withdrew her application this week without citing a reason.

Lora Kelly-Benck was scheduled to interview today with the campus, community members and university officials.

Michelle Kay Alsip, who interviewed on Dec. 1, and Norm

Bedford, who interviewed on Nov. 29, still are running for the position.

Kathy Reed, chair of the search committee, said the search committee for the position will make a list of strengths and weaknesses of the remaining two candidates and submit those to Jone Zieren, director of financial aid, who will make the final decision.

According to the Sept. 28 university newsletter, the associate director of financial aid assists the

director in the administration of the financial aid programs, and is responsible for directing the processing of all applications for financial aid.

The associate director assists the director in supervision of financial aid staff and day-to-day operations of the office.

In addition, the associate director position works as a spokesperson for the financial aid office and is responsible for reviewing all state and federal regulations.



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A little nippy

Mike Mauritzen and Susan Haiduk, senior English and philosophy majors, enjoy a brisk Monday afternoon outside Coleman Hall. Haiduk, who went outside to smoke, remarked that this cold weather "sucks." Today's high is expected to be around 50 degrees, and highs are expected to reach slightly higher through Thursday. Friday's predicted high will slip into the 40s before dropping to freezing this weekend, according to the National Weather Service.

The National Weather Service also reported a chance of showers on Thursday and rain on Friday in Coles County.

Temperatures will stay fairly warm throughout the week until Saturday, when they will plunge into the 20s.

Workshop to address friendships between men and women

By **Julie Ferguson**
Staff writer

Friendships between men and women are often difficult, and some wonder whether there will always be sexual attraction.

Eastern's Counseling Center will address the issue of "Just Friends" at a workshop today open to students and community members.

The workshop will begin at 7 p.m. in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Sara Kernagis and Christoffer Mansby, both interns at the Counseling Center, will explore challenges men and women face today. Topics they hope to have open for discussion include attraction between males and females, the media's role and how a person's significant other feels about a friend their mate has.

"Chris and I have been close all semester, and we decided that we'd be good at this for our Life Skills workshop because of the friendship that we ourselves have developed," Kernagis said. "It is sort of like when Harry Met Sally."

Kernagis and Mansby said there will be a lot of audience participation and everyone will be able to ask anonymous questions during this one-hour program.

Kernagis and Mansby said they feel this is something that affects a lot of people.

This workshop is free and open to the public.



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Maintenance contractor convicted in ValuJet crash

Aircraft company guilty of mishandling oxygen canisters causing a fire that killed 110

MIAMI (AP) – In the first criminal case of its kind in the United States, an aircraft maintenance company was convicted Monday of mishandling the oxygen canisters blamed for the cargo hold fire that caused the 1996 ValuJet crash in the Everglades.

Two employees of the maintenance company, SabreTech, were acquitted, and the company was also acquitted of conspiracy and some hazardous materials charges. Even so, the company could face a fine of \$4.5 million.

Flight 592 crashed shortly after takeoff from Miami, killing all

110 people on board. Prosecutors said SabreTech sacrificed safety for the sake of profits and rushed through the paperwork on the canisters to avoid financial penalties for not meeting ValuJet’s deadlines.

“I sincerely hope that in some small measure today’s verdict provides a sense of comfort, relief and justice,” federal prosecutor Guy Lewis said. “The good news is that the flying public can sleep a little easier tonight.”

After deliberating for 13 hours over three days, a federal jury convicted SabreTech, which is no

longer in business, of eight counts of causing the transportation of hazardous materials and one count of failing to provide training in handling hazardous materials.

The company was acquitted of 14 counts of conspiracy, lying on repair records and several hazardous material charges.

“I take it as a dagger in the heart,” said Gwendolyn Marks of Miami, whose son Philmore died in the crash. “I am angry. I’m very angry.”

SabreTech’s maintenance operations went out of the business

after the crash and its assets were sold by Sabreliner, the parent company. In addition to the fine, Sabreliner could be forced to make restitution to the victims’ families.

Former employees Daniel Gonzalez and Eugene Florence were acquitted of conspiracy and charges they lied on repair records.

Gonzalez, who could have faced 10 years in prison if convicted, showed little emotion when the verdict was read, but his wife smiled broadly. Florence, who could have faced 15 years in

prison, broke into a wide smile.

SabreTech lawyer Ken Quinn said the guilty verdicts would be appealed.

The company acknowledged that mistakes were made but said they did not amount to crimes. Defense attorneys also suggested that electrical problems on the plane may have caused the crash.

“There was nothing reckless or willful about the handling of these oxygen generators,” Quinn said.

The case was the first in which a maintenance company faced criminal charges in connection with an American air disaster.

Yearlong militia plot unveiled

Scheme revealed in court documents

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) – A man authorities say planned to blow up a huge propane storage facility told an informant he wanted to bomb several Northern California targets to help a militia overthrow the federal government, according to court documents released Monday.

Kevin Ray Patterson, 42, wanted to force authorities to declare martial law, potentially whipping up public unrest that would help the militia plan, documents said.

Patterson and Charles Dennis Kiles, 49, were scheduled to appear in federal court on four felony weapons counts. Arraignment was postponed until Tuesday so they

could obtain attorneys.

They and others may be indicted later for what federal agents say was a plot to blow up storage tanks near Elk Grove that together hold about 24 million gallons of liquid propane.

The tanks are a few hundred yards from heavily traveled state Highway 99 and a half-mile from a subdivision.

A threat assessment report by the U.S. Department of Energy’s Lawrence Livermore Laboratory concluded that a successful attack on either tank “would likely result in a firestorm that could reach as far out as 14 kilometers from the site and could cause a fatality rate

as high as 50 percent up to five miles away.”

Patterson’s militia activities included joining other members in surveillance of the Yellowstone County Jail in Billings, Mont., in summer 1998 in hopes of freeing the Montana Freeman, the federal affidavits say.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jodi Rafkin said searches of the men’s El Dorado County homes after their arrests Friday turned up “items associated with the making of bombs” as well as guns, ammunition and ingredients for methamphetamine.

It could be several weeks before additional charges are filed against Patterson, Kiles and others, she said, declining to identify other suspects.

Shuttle may be delayed

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) – Space shuttle Discovery’s upcoming flight to the Hubble Space Telescope may be delayed yet again, this time because of a nicked electrical cable.

The damaged cable was found Monday during routine inspections of the main engine compartment. Shuttle managers will decide Tuesday whether Discovery will be able to blast off early Saturday as planned, said NASA spokesman Joel Wells.


A one-day delay is possible in order to replace the cable, Wells said. The Teflon-coated cable is needed to send commands to one of the three main engines; it also feeds back information to launch controllers.

As of now, Discovery is supposed to blast off at 12:13 a.m. Saturday. If the flight is delayed, the next attempt would be at 11:42 p.m. Saturday.

Time is running out for a launch this month. NASA wants to send Discovery on the 10-day mission by mid-December to avoid any potential Y2K problems.

NASA announced the latest problem as Discovery’s seven astronauts arrived at Kennedy Space Center on Monday night for the launch countdown.

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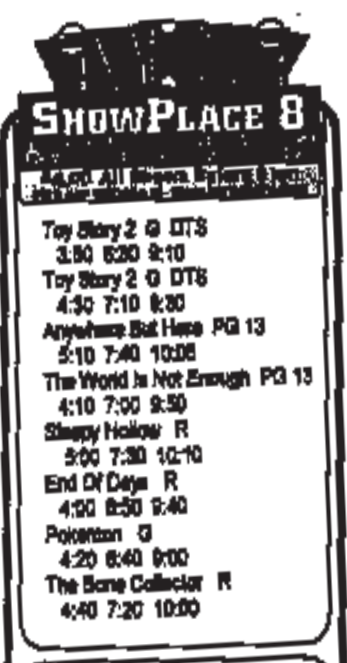
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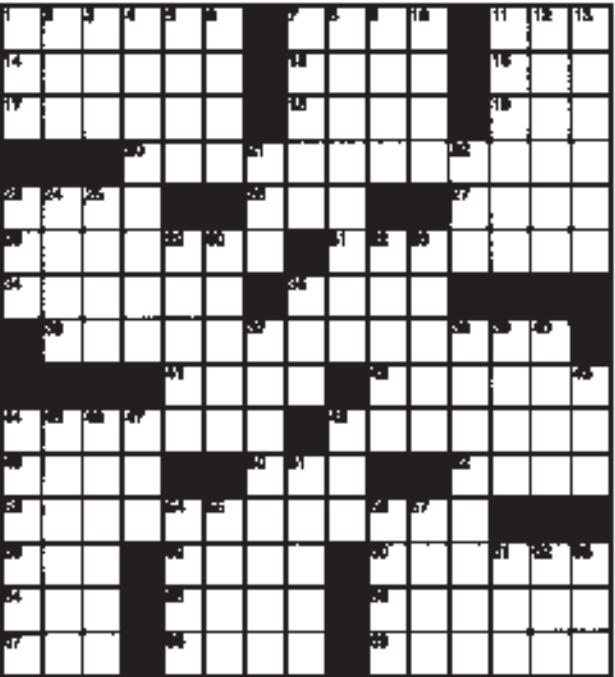
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Panther baseball signs four recruits

Schmitz announces inking two pitchers, two shortstops for 2001 season, solidifies infield

By Bill Ruthhart
Associate sports editor

While the baseball team is in the midst of preparing for the 2000 season, the Panthers have already begun making preparations for the 2001 season.

Head coach Jim Schmitz has announced the signing of four recruits for the 2001 season. Schmitz and his staff have brought in two fresh arms to add to the pitching staff and a pair of shortstops to solidify the infield for the future.

“Having two middle infielders and two pitchers already lined up is a relief,” Schmitz said. “It really makes us feel very confident heading into the spring because now we can focus on our season and not have much recruiting in the back of

our minds.”

Brandon Ricketts (Braidewood, Ill./ Reed Custer H.S./ Joliet Community College) and Nathan Stone (Ft. Branch, Ind./ Gibson Southern H.S./ Wabash Valley Community College) are the two moundmen Schmitz signed.

“Both guys will fill big voids for us next season,” Schmitz said. “We didn’t want to go the junior college route but because we’re losing probably our best arm next year and the injuries our sophomore class has suffered has made us switch gears.”

Schmitz said both of the junior college transfers have a good chance to be major contributors for the 2001 season.

“Both of these guys have a good shot at being two of our main arms,” he said. “They’ll probably

be one of our four to five go-to guys.”

Ricketts went 8-4 last season at Joliet in 52 innings of work in which he allowed 39 runs, 25 of which were earned, 17 walks and 52 strikeouts.

“Brandon is a very, very big guy,” Schmitz said. “He is 6 ‘4 or 6’5 and has great velocity and good experience after playing in the JUCO World Series.”

Stone redshirted in 1998, but finished 3-1 with a 2.14 earned run average this past fall.

“Nathan red-shirted and will still have three years of eligibility after he graduates from junior college,” Schmitz said.

“So we’re real excited we’ll have him for three years.

“He’s another big guy at 6’3,” he said. “He’s a sleeper and not too

many people out there know about him but he definitely is someone who throws 86 to 88 mph and really has a very good split finger.”

Jeff Bachta (Frankfort, Ill./ Providence Catholic H.S.) and Jesse Niehaus (New Albany, Ind./ Providence H.S./Southeastern Illinois Community College) are the pair of infielders to commit during the early signing period.

“Butch (Assistant coach Matt Buczkowski) really did a great job of going out and getting our needs,” Schmitz said.

“And with losing David Mikes at shortstop after this season, we didn’t feel we had anyone that could step in and immediately fill the starting shortstop role.”

“We got the best of both worlds in that we got a great defensive player and a guy with good power

and speed,” he said.

Niehaus hit .331 last season at Southeastern Illinois with 15 doubles and 29 RBI.

“Jesse is a sensational defensive player and is by far one of the best shortstops in the Midwest,” he said.

“With some guys there’s some question with whether or not they can come in and do the job; there’s no question mark with Jesse, he’s very good defensively.”

Bachta is a two-time all-conference pick heading into his senior season at Providence and hit .411 while scoring 30 runs and driving in 25 last season.

“Jeff can run, hit with power, has a good arm and will play some shortstop, some third and maybe a little at second,” Schmitz said.

“Hopefully we can get him some at bats his freshman season.

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line with 2.7 seconds left. He hit one.

Most recently, Kyle Hill missed an opportunity to put away Tennessee Tech on Saturday, when he too couldn’t cash in on both free throws with just seconds remaining.

What happened to the lost art of free throw shooting? Collectively, the Panthers are not shooting well from the line, whether it be in a pressure situation or not. At just over 71 percent as a team, Eastern has learned the hard way that they need to get better. In fact, most teams are disappointed if they are under

80 percent.

Just the starters combined are shooting 74 percent from the line. Despite averaging 19.2 points per game, Hill is hitting just 58 percent of his free throws.

This is a dangerous plague head coach Rick Samuels and his troops are going to have to take care of before it gets out of hand.

The Panthers are shooting well from the field, at nearly 50 percent, they are winning the rebounding edge on the season despite getting out rebounded by Tech 54-37, they are scoring inside and they are getting better on limiting turnovers.

Closing a game out and hitting free throws are the only problem areas right now. These could however be devastating if not corrected

in a hurry. Missed free throws could cause carry over and cause shooting slumps from the field. Not being able to finish strong could make the Panthers question their ability to win the big games. Basically all of this can have the snowball affect.

As the season progresses, Eastern cannot afford to keep letting teams hang around by missing clutch free throws – especially teams they should beat.

Ohio Valley Conference games have an uncanny tendency to go down to the wire.

The Panthers need someone to take command and be the go-to-guy that can not only connect on the tough jumpers, but hit from the free throw line as well.

A leader that can do both is a necessity if

the Panthers want to contend for the conference crown.

The team’s window of opportunity to accomplish its goals is still wide open, but it could close quickly if the Panthers continue their trend of missing the freebies in the clutch.

My old coach summed it up best when he said, “Gang, if we can get to the line and hit our free throws, we will win our games.”

Being junior high kids, we didn’t really understand the truth to his words. We just wanted to hit the free throws in practice so we could get out of there.

The Panthers understand though. If something is not done immediately, the season could be a bust before they even know it.

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Season opener closes in on track teams

Returning athletes and new faces give team needed depth

By Kristin Rojek
Staff writer

With the start of the indoor track and field season upon them, the men's and women's teams have been preparing since September and will now need to focus to be successful in their first meet Thursday.

The men's team hasn't changed much since last season, so the coaches are working through a process of determining exactly where the team is at.

"The guys should be ready, but it's a question of focus because we've gone so long without any competition, so their focus wanes," head coach Tom Akers said. "We need to refocus on things that make us better."

A great core of returning athletes along with new faces has helped the team continue its depth and the new faces have helped to fill the shoes of graduated seniors.

"We don't know yet if the (new) kids can step up yet in competition and really crank it up a notch," Akers said.

Gabe Spezia returns for his final season as a strong hurdler after competing in the NCAA championship meet last spring. Terrance Roberts has greatly improved since last year and Eric Hill has had a great fall, Akers said, turning in a personal best performance in the high hurdles at an inter-squad competition.

The team also had one of the strongest throwing groups in the history of Akers' coaching career at Eastern, composed primarily of Dave Astrauskas and Paul Rendack and the new faces of Clint Alexander and Ryan



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Gabe Spezia hurdles in the NCAA championship last season. Spezia returns this season as one of the leaders among the men, who hope to bring more teammates along to the tournament this year.

Levenchuck.

The loss of Chad White, who rewrote the record books in the 400 dash, has put a hole in the team and with Jarod Macklin returning

hurt, the team is looking to Carlton Christopher to fill that hole.

"We've lost some guys and some leadership with the sure-point people, so we need to

have a few guys emerge," Akers said. "Our team goal is to repeat as OVC champs indoor, but that will be our greatest challenge, and Middle Tennessee will be our chief competition."

Although the women have a lot of depth returning from last season, they are primarily a young team and head coach John Craft has been trying to figure out where the team is at after four months of training.

"The girls have a good look and are coming along well, but it's difficult to get a good assessment," Craft said.

With a time trial just before the Thanksgiving break, overall the team is having a good season.

"They are all enthusiastic and cross country is coming off a good season," Craft said. "We were third in (outdoor) conference, but a close second and we've returned a lot of people."

Candi Phillips, capturing 22 points for the team in the conference meet last spring, returns healthy for another season along with teammates Keisha Dunlap and Marissa Dishon to lead the team.

New faces on the team have helped with additional depth with Leah Reeves starting out her season as a sprinter along with jumper Jenny Cowan.

"It takes competition to test us and get us into the groove of competing," Craft said. "We need to get going instead of training, and they're in good shape, but this upcoming break isn't going to help."

Last indoor season was a disappointment to the fourth place Panthers, who always want to be in the top three, so this season they will try to redeem themselves.

"We want to improve upon that performance and our ultimate goal is to win the OVC," Craft said. "Their competitive nature will come out naturally and they need to put in the maximum effort."

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game.

"They are a very good team," Samuels said. "Especially on the defensive end of the floor."

Not only will Eastern's offense have to be ready, but the Panther defense will have to be on their toes.

The Panthers will especially have to be ready for junior guard LaVall Jordan. Jordan is averaging 15.5 points a game and 5.8 rebounds a game, leading the Bulldogs in both categories.

In Butler's last game against Evansville, Jordan had a game-high 24 points and eight rebounds to lead the Bulldogs.

"Jordan has been a very good player for them this season," Samuels said.

Jordan isn't the only offensive weapon on the Butler squad. Point guard Thomas Jackson is also averaging in double figures in scoring, with 10.3 points a game.

Preseason All-Midwestern Collegiate Conference selection Mike Marshall has lived up to his billing early this season. Marshall is averaging 9.8 points a game while adding 7.8 rebounds.

One major problem the Panthers will have with the Bulldogs is their physical play underneath the basket. With Eastern already having rebounding problems, the Panthers will have to improve on the boards to compete with the Bulldogs.

Butler also will hold the experi-

ence edge over Eastern. The Panthers will have to focus on getting more people into the game to combat Butler's size and strength.

"They are definitely a lot more physical than us underneath the boards," Samuels said.

With the game being a non-conference match-up, Samuels will look to get as many players into the game as possible and try to get his younger players as much experience as he can to prepare for the conference season.

"We have to try and get our younger players ready and be at the place they have to be by February or March," Samuels said.

"We need to try and expand some of our players' minutes like Henry Domercant and Jan Thompson, so we are ready for later in the year."

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Linda Wunder to run multifaceted offense. At full strength, Eastern should be able to surprise some teams in the Ohio Valley Conference.

"We need her," Wunder said. "She is a big part of the team and her being back will give our kids more confidence."

Last season Aldrich-Franklin was the offense for a 5-21 Panther squad. This season she is the No. 1 option on a team of potential scorers.

"Leah has been a big part of the program for the last few years but her injury has made everyone else step up and fill the void," Wunder said.

"Her injury makes the team realize they have to pick up some of the burden."

With the tough OVC schedule, the Panthers have started slowly with a 0-2 conference record.

"We are an up and down team because on a given day we can play excellent basketball but on other days we play flat," Aldrich-Franklin said.

The Panthers also look to Aldrich-Franklin for leadership on a team that has many key young players.

"I want to help the girls learn to shoot to score instead of just shooting, and also to play tough defense," said Aldrich-Franklin.

The team is expected to finish last in the OVC but the team and Aldrich-Franklin still have high hopes for success this year.

"I want to get into the OVC tournament because in my career Eastern never has," she said.

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Samuels: This is the best team we face out of the conference

By Anthony Braviere
Staff writer

With a 2-3 record coming into tonight's game at the Lantz Gym against the Butler Bulldogs, Eastern's men's basketball will try to improve on their early season struggles.

"Butler will definitely be our toughest non-conference opponent this season," Eastern's head coach Rick Samuels said.

The Panthers come into the game with the Bulldogs (3-1), a National Invitational Tournament quarter-finalist last year, after losing a double-overtime game against Tennessee Tech.

The Golden Eagles held the Panthers to just three points in the second overtime.

Eastern will have to continue the offensive hot streak it had early this season.

The Panthers have had three consecutive games with five players scoring in double figures.

The balanced offensive attack for Eastern has seen four players lead the team in scoring in the first five games, with junior Kyle Hill leading the team against both Nebraska and Middle Tennessee.

Through Eastern's first five games this season, all five starters are averaging double figures. Hill is leading the way, averaging 19.2 points a game.

Center John Smith is averaging 12.6 points a contest to go along with his 5.8 boards.

Marc Polite has added 11.0 points a game while point guard Matt Britton and forward Merve Joseph are both averaging 10 points.

The Panther offense will have to be ready for the Bulldog defense as well.

In Butler's first four games on the season the defense has allowed an average of just 52 points a



David Pump / Staff photographer

Merve Joseph dribbles around an Iowa defender in the Panthers' 95-75 loss on Nov. 21. Eastern hosts Butler, which defeated Evansville Saturday afternoon, tonight at 7 p.m. in Lantz Gymnasium.

Make it, or else you pay

Looking back on my basketball days in junior high, I remember our coach making us shoot 10 free throws at the end of practice. The number we missed was the number of wind sprints we had to run.

To make matters worse, when everyone was done with the sprinting, our coach would select someone to shoot a free throw with all of us watching. If he made it, practice was over. If he missed, we started the 10 free throws over again.

We were always told that making free throws when we were tired was going to make the difference between winning and losing. Coach was right.

The Panthers have lost two of their last three games because they have missed free throws down the stretch.

Against Nebraska, John Smith had a chance to give his team a big road win in overtime by connecting both attempts from the

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Injury hampers Aldrich-Franklin

Senior's knee proves troublesome in early conference contests

By Troy Hinkel
Staff writer

Eastern's women's basketball team has struggled in the first few games of the season with a record of 1-4. Inconsistency has hampered the Panthers all year, partly because of an injury to senior center Leah Aldrich-Franklin.

Aldrich-Franklin, the leading scorer for the team last season, averaging 21.4 points per game, has suffered through the early part of the season with a left knee injury that she aggravated in the preseason.

The injury has stopped Aldrich-Franklin from being effective at times because of the slow healing of her knee. In the Middle Tennessee game she was only able to play four minutes while in the Tennessee Tech

game she contributed 23.

"It's slowly but surely getting better," said Aldrich-Franklin. "Some days I have problems but on other days it's fine."

The team and Aldrich-Franklin, after playing two conference games in three days, do not have to play again until Saturday when they face Tulsa. The practice time will help the team mesh together better as will also allow Aldrich-Franklin's knee more time to heal.

"I would say another week tops and I should be back at 100 percent, if not maybe in two weeks," Aldrich-Franklin said of her recovery.

With Aldrich-Franklin back, the Panthers will have a more balanced attack allowing, first-year coach

Center of command

1998-99:

■ Ohio Valley 'Player of the Year' runner-up
■ 21.4 ppg led OVC (No. 14 nationally)

1997-98:

■ Averaged 14.9 ppg
■ Season-high 29 points vs. Tennessee State
■ 16.7 ppg, 7.8 rpg in OVC contests
■ Second Team All-OVC selection

1996-97:

■ Had more blocks (18) than turnovers (17)
■ Played in 25 games as a true freshman
■ Finished the season shooting 67 percent



Leah Aldrich-Franklin

Eastern senior center Leah Aldrich-Franklin was the OVC "Player of the Year" runner-up last season.

Aldrich-Franklin set numerous Eastern records last season as a junior, and she expects to return from a knee injury to post even better numbers this season.

So far this season, Aldrich-Franklin's best game has been against Tennessee Tech, where she scored 23 points.

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